

SENATE BILL 3047

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 38;  
Title 39 and Title 40, relative to surveillance by  
unmanned mechanisms.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 40, Chapter 6, Part 3, is amended by  
adding the following as a new, appropriately designated section thereto:

40-6-312.

(a) No law enforcement agency shall employ the use of an unmanned  
aerial vehicle, unmanned aircraft system, remotely piloted aircraft, unmanned  
aircraft or similar structure:

(1) While that structure is equipped with a recording device that  
transfers recorded or live feed to the law enforcement agency; and

(2) While the law enforcement agency is using the structure to  
conduct surveillance over property.

(b) This section shall not apply:

(1) Where a law enforcement agency has a warrant for the  
property;

(2) Where a law enforcement agency is attempting to locate a  
missing person or child; or

(3) Where a law enforcement agency is authorized by federal law  
to do so.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2012, the public welfare requiring it.